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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL ARRESTED FOR
SHOPLIFTING

REF: USUN NEW YORK 03059

CONTENTS REFTEL PASSED TO FONOFF AT LEVEL OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF
FOREIGN POLICY MANUEL HERNANDEZ. HE EXPRESSED DEEP CHAGRIN OVER
INCIDENT AS WELL AS HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOT BECOME KNOWN TO PRESS.
HE ALSO STATED THAT GOCR COULD NOT AGREE WITH DEPT'S OPINION THAT THE
COSTA RICAN DIPLOMATS WERE NOT PROTECTED BY IMMUNITY. HE
SAID THAT IN GOCR VIEW THE IN-TRANSIT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 40 OF
GENEVA CONVENTION CLEARLY APPLIES IN THE CASE OF DIPLOMATS PASSING
THROUGH A THIRD COUNTRY IN TRAVEL FROM POST OF ASSIGNMENT TO HOME
COUNTRY. HERNANDEZ REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY SEEK IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION

OF BASIS FOR DEPT'S OPINION THAT THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT APPLY IN THIS

CASE IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTER RE POSSIBLE
COURSES OF ACTION.

ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPT PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH MORE COMPLETE
EXPLANATION OF DEPT'S OPINION RE NON-APPLICATION OF IN-TRANSIT
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